

GHOULS OF THE LAW FIND DOG IN GRAVE

Officials Suspect Mystery and
Disinter Newfoundland.

WOMAN HAD HER PET BURIED

Selected Place for Tomb on Her
Lot Near a Ceme-
tery.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., May 4.—Three officials of Nassau county made a mid-night pilgrimage to the Greenfield Cemetery near Freeport, where they opened a freshly dug grave with the expectation of uncovering a possible clue to the mysterious case of the woman who was found dead in the cemetery a month ago.

They did not succeed, but they did learn how great an affection a beautiful young woman may have for a dog.

Late in the afternoon a well-dressed man and woman got off a train in Freeport and asked John Loea what he would charge to dig a grave on lot No. 847, Columbia Heights, a plot of land owned by the Long Island Realty Company and adjoining the Greenfield Cemetery.

Loea replied he "wouldn't charge nothing," for he wouldn't dig the grave. He didn't want to get mixed up in any more mysteries.

A General Report.

But straightway he reported the matter to Archer B. Wallace, justice of the peace and coroner, and Wallace reported it to his father-in-law, Dr. J. H. B. Denton, who acts as medical examiner, and Dr. Denton reported it to Ira H. Baker, the Freeport detective and constable, and Baker reported it to nearly everybody in town.

There the matter ended until early twilight, when another report went forth that a Brooklyn nearse had been seen slowly wending its way to the cemetery, and that a casket had been buried on the very plot mentioned.

There were many whispered conferences among officials in Freeport, and a great getting together of spades, guns, and lanterns. At the midnight hour six forms stole across the fields to the burying ground.

Half an hour later these dusky forms might have been seen half hidden in a grave, making the dirt fly like wood-chunks, and again they made a picture with white faces in the lantern light prying open a costly metallic casket there in the lonely cemetery.

Only "Pete."

And whose features were those which the lantern light fell upon? It was the placid face of a well-nourished Newfoundland dog. About his neck was a pink ribbon and a collar, which revealed that his name was "Pete."

About his body was a silken winding sheet, and his head reclined on a hand-embroidered pillow. "Pete" was inscribed on that also.

Quickly the casket closed the casket and lowered it into the grave.

They learned later that the dog belonged to Mrs. Grace Loea, who lives with her parents at 484 Decatur Street. In the house are many costly belongings of Pete, and last night Miss Macey tearfully related the sad story of his recent illness and death.

She owns the plot of ground in question and wishes to have the dog's grave near.

SINGLE TAX CLUB ASKS EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT

Text of Resolutions Adopted by the
Washington Club and Sent to
the Commissioners.

Last evening Frederick L. Siddons addressed the Washington Single Tax Club in its regular meeting, held in the Hutchins Building, upon the subject of the practical work that may be done toward securing equitable assessments of land and improvements in the District of Columbia. Attention was called to the small percentage of its true value at which vacant land in the District is now assessed, and the comparatively much higher percentage at which buildings and improvements are assessed.

Text of Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by the club, and ordered to be given to the press, and also to be forwarded to the District Commissioners for transmission to the Assessors:

"Whereas the law requires that land and improvements in the District of Columbia shall be assessed separately at not less than two-thirds of the true value thereof, and

"Whereas the law in this respect has never been enforced, the improvement values having been assessed at from 100 to 1,000 per cent higher than the land values, and the improved land in the city of Washington and in the suburban villages of the District assessed at a very much higher percentage of true value than vacant land held for speculation by syndicates and individuals; and

"Whereas the true land values in the District of Columbia are not less than 50 per cent more than the present assessment on land, while improvement values are probably not more than 50 per cent above the present assessment; and

"Whereas a new assessment, to continue for the next three years, is now being made; and

Would Destroy Monopoly.

"Whereas the effect of reducing the tax on improvements and assessing land at something like its true value would tend to destroy land monopoly and speculation, the greatest bar to public progress in this District, and would enable many more of our people to secure homes of their own than use the present unjust and unlawful discrimination in favor of land speculators; therefore

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Washington Single Tax Club that it is both the moral and lawful duty of the board of assessors of the District of Columbia to assess all classes of property subject to taxation at such percentage of true value as may be necessary to raise the needed revenue for the support of the District government."

"Resolved, That this club indorses the action of the Washington Board of Trade in recommending the change of existing law so as to exempt from taxation to the extent of \$1,000 of the value of houses, the tendency of which would be 'gradually, but not slowly,' toward the abolition of slums and raising the standard of morality."

FEZ OR KALPAK IN MACEDONIA

Dispute Over Headgear for
Gendarmes.

A QUESTION OF PRESTIGE

Sultan Holds Out for Strictly Turkish
Hat—Ambassadors
Say No.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 4.—Strange and inexplicable as it may seem, long and tedious negotiations have been conducted between the Turkish government and the ambassadors of the European powers in Constantinople regarding the kind of hat which the European officers of the new Macedonian gendarmerie shall wear.

The Turkish government insisted that they must wear the fez. The ambassadors favored the kalpak.

Distinctly Turkish.

The fez is a round cap of red cloth with a flat top and without a brim, which fits closely to the head. A tassel of silk generally hangs down from the center of the cap upon the wearer's neck.

The fez, which takes its name from the town in Morocco, which was the only place where it was manufactured in large quantities, has become the distinctive head covering of the Turks. It is worn alike by the Sultan, by the high dignitaries of state, and by the Turkish common soldiers. Foreigners who have hitherto taken service under the Turkish government have always worn the fez.

A Christian Covering.

The kalpak is similar in shape to the fez, except it rounds off toward the top, instead of being flat. It is made of sheep's wool, dyed black.

The kalpak, which in Persia and other Mohammedan countries, is worn by Moslems, has become in the Balkan peninsula the distinctive head covering of the Slavonic races of Christian religion. It is worn by all foreign inhabitants of Macedonia, and forms part of the uniform of many regiments of the Bulgarian army.

Turkish Prestige.

The Turkish government fears that if the officers of the new gendarmerie wear the kalpak it will increase the prestige of the Macedonians at the expense of the Moslem Turks. The kalpak would be a link between foreign officers and Christian inhabitants, which the Turkish authorities consider would be dangerous. It would create the impression that the kalpak is a mark of higher distinction than the fez, which would be a blow to Turkish pride.

GOLF TOURNAMENT BEGINS TOMORROW

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Potomac Water Fatal To Piscatorial Life

Delicate Fishes Cannot Drink the Water and
Live—Diamond Back Terrapin Becoming
Extinct—Report of Fish Commission.

Potomac water is poison.

Fishes cannot live in the industry, 313. The Fish Commission is authority for the statement.

Experiments have been made by the Fish Commission with samples of the polluted river water. These experiments demonstrate that to delicate piscatorial life the Potomac water is fatal. Only long suffering man and the hardiest fishes can imbibe it or breathe it in and live.

Tests were made at the instance of the Police Department with astonishing fatality among delicate fishes who were subjected to the Potomac water.

Statistics dealing with the fishing industry of the country are also contained in the annual report of Fish Commissioner George M. Bowers, which has just been completed. One of the most interesting features of the report is the announcement that diamond back terrapin is rapidly becoming extinct.

The report shows the number of persons engaged in the fishing industry is about 213,000, of whom 155,000 are fishermen and 58,000 shoremen. About \$76,500,000 is invested in the industry, 313. 450,000 representing vessels, \$4,500,000 boats, \$3,200,000 apparatus of capture, and the remainder cash capital and accessory property.

The value of the yearly catch to the fishermen is \$9,882,000, of which the ocean and coast fisheries represent \$4,941,000, and the Great Lakes and interior fisheries, \$4,941,000.

In regard to the decrease of the terrapin the report sets forth that the growing scarcity of the diamond-back terrapin in Chesapeake Bay, which has for years been the most productive region, gives rise to the belief that the species may eventually be exterminated.

The output in Maryland in 1901 was one-sixteenth of the quantity and one-twentieth of the value of that in 1891, and in Virginia the catch was one-tenth the quantity and one-thirtieth the value of ten years previous.

In reference to the salmon industry, the report states that the catch of the Pacific species in 1902 exceeded all previous records. The pack of canned salmon was more than 3,500,000 cases of 48-pound cans, while 42,000,000 pounds of fresh, smoked, and salted salmon were marketed.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 4.—The glut of herring was responsible for a general giving away of fish yesterday at one of the wharves near the foot of Prince Street.

Rather than throw overboard several thousand herring, Capt. Al Fair notified the river front for several blocks his consignors would supply free all the herring the neighborhood and their friends would take away.

Ecens came on this notice, carrying nearly every species of bucket, basket, box, or barrel that could be obtained or improvised. Some carried off dozens, others hundreds, and one country woman who had a wagon filled two barrels and left for Fairfax.

Notwithstanding this, the supply was not exhausted. The vessel discharged the remainder of her cargo farther down the river.

POLICE COURT CASES.

In the police court, Justice Caton presiding, the following business was transacted this morning:

Epps Padgett, arrested by Policeman Lyles, charged with being drunk in the street, was sent to jail for twenty days.

Noble Lindsey, arrested by Policeman Lyles, charged with being drunk in the street, was sent to jail for thirty days.

Lewis Stewart, a negro, arrested by Policemen Henderson and Young, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

Peter Kitts, a negro, charged with assaulting Alexander Davis, was dismissed.

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PERU AND CHILE ON EVE OF WAR?

So Believe South American
Diplomats.

AFTERMATH OF LAST CLASH

Provinces of Tacna and Arica, Formerly Peruvian Territory, Are the
Bone of Contention.

The South American contingent in the Diplomatic Corps is discussing with much interest rumors of an open break impending between Peru and Chile, in consequence of their strained national relations.

According to report, Secretary Hay has been approached in a diplomatic way by one of the two countries in an endeavor to discover what position this country would take in case matters came to a crisis.

It is not believed likely that Secretary Hay will leave any doubt of this country's displeasure with any hostile action which would disturb existing peaceful relations. Where nations have treaty relations with one another, it is thought such conventions, if faithfully observed, will prevent any clash, and Secretary Hay's answer will probably be along such lines.

History of the Case.

The history of the case leading up to the present trouble contains many features of interest.

Diplomatic relations between Peru and Chile have been suspended for more than ten years past. It was in 1894 that the war between the two countries was ended, with Chile the victor. Peru paid a large indemnity and Chile also took possession of two Peruvian provinces, Tacna and Arica.

Under an agreement to hold them for ten years. At the end of that time, if not sooner arranged, a plebiscite was to be held to decide whether the provinces should return to Peru or remain permanently under the new domination of Chile.

In 1898 an arrangement which seemed to portend success was entered into, by which the Queen of Spain was to be arbiter in the case. After two years of delay and political discussion the plan failed, and the provinces remained under the non-concurrence of the lower house.

POLICE CHIEF ON LEAVE.

Capt. James F. Webster, the chief of the Alexandria police department, is taking his leave of absence. Policeman James Smith is acting in his stead.

RETURNS TO DUTY.

Dr. Alexander Murray, U. S. A., who has been visiting his old home in this city, has left Alexandria for San Francisco, on his way to the Philippines.

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The chief diplomatic representatives in Washington of the two countries concerned will not comment freely upon the subject, as very little is officially known here of the late developments. The only news coming direct from South America has been in a press report, which quotes Silva Cruz as saying that "not justice, but circumstances" must be considered in the fulfillment of treaty obligations.

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